



HOLLISTER POLICE DEPARTMENT

PRESS RELEASE

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Animal Control Responds to Pit Bull Attack

HOLLISTER, CALIFORNIA – *February 10, 2010* – On February 6, 2010 Hollister Police animal control officers responded to the 100 block of Recht Street on a report of an attack on a dog and the dog's owner by a pit bull.

The victim was walking his dog on a leash on Recht Street when a loose pit bull confronted him. The pit bull immediately attacked the victim's dog, inflicting a mortal wound. The pit bull also bit the man as he attempted to fend off the dog.

The victim was treated for his injuries and later released. But, the injuries to his dog were severe. The dog was immediately taken to a local veterinarian who attempted life saving efforts. It was determined the dog would be unable to recover from the attack and was euthanized.

An animal control officer contacted the owner of the pit bull and seized the dog for quarantine and additional investigation.

The Hollister Municipal Code states that:

- All dogs in the City of Hollister must be licensed, with proof of current vaccinations.
- A dog is deemed to be at large if unsecured and off the premises of its owner(s).
- Dangerous dogs, or those dogs having the propensity for being vicious, are to be kept in a secure pen.

The Hollister Police Department reminds dog owners that they can be both civilly and criminally liable for the actions of their pets, and encourages responsible pet ownership.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is encouraged to call Animal Control Officer Anna Patterson at (831) 636-4320. Persons wishing to remain anonymous may call **WeTIP** at **(800) 78-CRIME**.

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